

Population

Kansas increased in population from 2,654,052 residents in 1999 to 2,688,418 residents in 2000, a 1.3 percent increase. Hamilton, Finney, and Seward counties had the largest increases in population from 1996 to 2000 with percent changes of 16.3, 14.0, and 12.5 respectively. Greeley, Graham and Rawlins counties had the largest decreases in population with percent changes of 12.5, 9.6, and 8.7 respectively. Table 2

According to U.S. Census Bureau counts, there were 2,688,418 Kansans in 2000, a 8.5 percent increase in total population since 1990. Figure 4

The rate of natural increase (difference between birth rate and death rate) has generally declined from a rate of 13.9 in 1960. In 2000, the natural increase rate was 5.5, a 1.9 percent increase from 5.4 in 1999. Figure 5

The median age of Kansans in 2000 was 35.2 years, a 7.0 percent increase from the 32.9 median age in 1990. The median age for Kansas males and females in 2000 was 33.7 and 36.5 respectively. Figure 6 Table 4

The percent increase in the Kansas total population from 1990-2000 was 8.5 percent, including a 9.3 percent increase for Kansas males and a 7.7 percent increase for Kansas females. Shifts in the Kansas population distribution by age from 1990 to 2000 included decreases in the 25-34 and 65-74 age-groups of 15.5 and 4.9 percent respectively. An increase of 16.3 percent in residents 35-44 years of age and 50.6 percent in residents 45-54 years of age reflected the aging of the baby boomers. Furthermore, there were 0.5, 6.7, 13.6, 5.3, and 13.9 percent increases in the 0-4, 5-14, 15-24, 55-64 and 75 and over age-groups respectively. Figure 7 Table 4

The population density of Kansas was 32.9 persons per square mile in 2000, a 26.1 percent increase from 26.1 persons per square mile in 1960 and an 8.6 percent increase in population density since 1990. For comparison, the population density of the U.S. has increased from 49.9 to 75.4 persons per square mile from 1960 to 2000 respectively, a 51.1 percent increase. Figure 8

In 2000, 31 of Kansas' 105 counties had population densities of less than 6.0 persons per square mile. The most sparsely populated county was Wallace, which had a density of 1.9 persons per square mile. The most densely populated county was Wyandotte, with 1,045.6 persons per square mile. Figure 9